

REMARKS

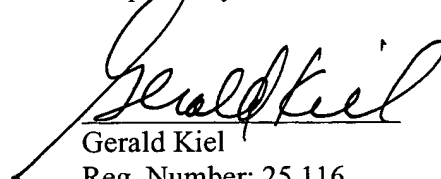
Claims 1-27 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 12, 18, 21, 22, 24, and 25 are amended. The Abstract is also amended. No new matter is presented. The foregoing amendments and following remarks are considered by Applicant to overcome each objection and rejection raised in the Office Action and to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests the reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-27.

The Abstract is objected to for containing informalities. By this Amendment, the Abstract is amended to overcome the cited informalities. In view of the Amendments, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract.

Claims 1-27 are also objected to for containing informalities. Claims 1, 2, 3, 18, 21, 22, 24, and 25 are amended to overcome the cited objections. No new matter is presented. Thus, in view of these amendments, Applicants request that the objection to claims 1-27 be withdrawn.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-27 recite allowable subject matter. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant requests that claim 1-27 be passed to issue as early as possible. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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